

FUN NIGHT

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The silent auction will feature plenty of family fun as well including St. Louis Cardinals tickets, tickets to the zoo, Iowa Cubs tickets, and more.

A Ruger American 350 Legend rifle will be raffled off during the event courtesy of JAX Ames Outdoor Gear. For more information including how to enter the raffle, refer to Tama County Conservation's Facebook page.

This year's guest speaker is Tama Co. Conservation Director Stephen Mayne who will provide an update on the final phase of the Otter Creek Lake Restoration Project as it winds down and the lake begins to fill back up.

The meal is being catered by Bobby's Grocery & BBQ in Dysart.

Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids, and can be purchased at the door, or in advance at the nature center, by calling 641-484-2231, or using the link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fun-night-fundraiser-tickets-537797766597?aff=erelexpmlt>.

Conservation personnel update

In addition to finalizing fundraiser details during the March 1 monthly conservation meeting, board members were also given an update on personnel by Director Mayne.

Naturalist Emma Bruck has resigned in order to take a job with Marshall County Conservation, Mayne said. Her last day was set for Friday, March 3. Mayne has received four applications for the position of Tama Co. Naturalist and plans to hire soon.

The county is again in need of seasonal help this summer, Mayne also shared, particularly in light of Otter Creek Lake & Park's planned full reopening following the lake restoration.

A seasonal park ranger position and a naturalist intern position have been posted for hire. No applications had been received for either position as of the meeting.

The job description for the seasonal park ranger includes assisting the park officer with the management of the county parks, performing routine ground maintenance in parks and assigned properties, performing road, trail, and building maintenance, patrolling parks in vehicles and on foot, and public relations. Candidates

for the position must be attending or planning to attend college in the conservation and or natural resources field.

The job description for the naturalist intern includes assisting the naturalist with organizing, developing, and coordinating quality environmental educational programs, while also assisting with the development and promotion of county conservation through its website and social media pages.

More information on both positions and how to apply can be found at <https://www.mycountyparks.com/jobs>

In a follow-up phone call, Mayne told the Telegraph he is open to hiring outside the college-aged candidate pool this season for help in the parks.

"The older population is welcome to apply," Mayne said. "Someone that can mow, check trash, check shower house, etc. is what we need. Someone of retirement age that can help out with minor things would be phenomenal. Just come in on the weekdays."

Those with questions about the positions or interested in applying can contact Mayne at 641-484-2231.

WEATHER REPORT

Day	Date	High	Low	Precip.
Monday	2/27	46	41	.95" rain
Tuesday	2/28	45	27	Trace rain
Wednesday	3/1	53	30	-
Thursday	3/2	39	27	-
Friday	3/3	46	29	-
Saturday	3/4	47	24	Trace rain
Sunday	3/5	45	25	Trace rain

Weather reported by Randy Cooper, Toledo

SRO

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potentially perpetuating the school-to-prison-pipeline, which is defined by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Legal Defense Fund as "funneling students out of school and into the streets, and the juvenile correction system perpetuates a cycle known as the 'School-to-Prison-Pipeline,' depriving children and youth of meaningful opportunities for education, future employment, and participation in our democracy."

More information on the NAACP School-to-Prison-Pipeline can be found at https://stoprecidivism.org/blog/the-school-to-prison-pipeline/?gclid=Cj0KCQiAgaGgBhC8ARIsAAAYLfEefYOxT_LEULw0HNr403SJwypKg6NgjmZAvDiTXDWYu-WVsSDqT2xoaArBCEALw_wcB.

Quigley responded to these concerns.

"There are certain guidelines that police have to follow that would curb this behavior of targeting an individual. We want students and community members to see the police aren't so scary," he said. "If a student needs some form of guidance, the SRO can

help with that. Whether it's listening or helping, they'll help however they can."

Current STC policy doesn't involve law enforcement until the second offense. More information can be found in the STC Student Handbook <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hX-cmHUY8ghXmb4sA-uaboTXIZ3NFjOnwj/view>.

The "Iowa Compilation of School Discipline Laws and Regulations" has additional information from the Department of Education at <https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/sites/default/files/discipline-compendium/Iowa%20School%20Discipline%20Laws%20and%20Regulations.pdf>

SROs are required to complete the Iowa School Resource Officer Certification Program with state-mandated 36 hours of continued training every three years. More information can be found at the Iowa Association of School Resource Officers website <https://iasro.org/>

The final concern issued by the School Board was funding. The funding would most likely come from the schools general funds or the state's operational funds.

"We'll need to look over funding in the next few weeks and have more details at our next March meeting. We're checking on the Stronger Connections Grant (deadline April 14) to see how it can offset some of the training costs over the next few years," Cain said. "We're hoping for a five-year plan with the SRO."

Quigley also identified funding to provide or cover SRO training from a shared agreement between the school district and the police department.

No decision has been made, but Superintendent Cain was adamant about pursuing the process of defining the role of an SRO for the school district and potentially beginning the hiring process soon.

"I would like to see it at the next March meeting so we can move forward with a plan. The due process is going to take a month. It would be nice to have the officer identified in May, so they can take advantage of any June training that's offered," he said.

BANDSTAND

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The city of Tama's party trailer and cleanup trailer was also on the agenda. These are two trailers for rent from the city for \$50. It doesn't take too much imagination to figure out what the party trailer is rented for, with a screen inside and loaded with fun

games for any block ball or bash. The cleanup trailer is straightforward and filled with rakes and other supplies. A motion was carried out for the council to waive the trailer rental fees to non-profits on a case-by-case basis.

The council waived the special assessment of \$440 at the location of 108 S. McClellan St. for Daniel and Debra Backen, who

are approaching the Tama County Supervisors about purchasing the tax sales certificate for this property.

Resolution 23-10 The 2023 Tama Economic Development and Revitalization Plan was approved for another 5 years. Resolution 23-11 to set a public hearing for the FY 24 budget on March 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. was approved.

The city clerk gave an

update on the downtown project, the placement of trash cans, and a quote for painting light poles. A motion was carried on to increase reimbursement of safety shoes for employees to \$150.

The subjects of nuisance mowing and a possible dog park were tabled until the next meeting.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the peanuts.

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Answer: Butter

Guess Who?

I am a singer born in California on March 18, 1979. I met my future bandmates while attending high school, where I played basketball. The band originally had a rock sound under the name Kara's Flowers, but turned soulful after a name change.

Answer: Adam Levine

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